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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A tampon for feminine hygiene comprising an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a longitudinal axis, and an outer surface; said tampon being comprised of compressed fibrous material; wherein said outer surface of said tampon comprises a plurality of first surfaces and a plurality of second surfaces, each of said first surfaces having a distal end and a proximal end, each of said second surfaces having a distal end and a proximal end, said proximal end of said first surface contacting said proximal end of said second surface to form a proximal vertex, said distal end of said first surface contacting said distal end of said second surface to form a distal vertex, wherein along the length of the tampon there are multiple widths between a first distal vertex and a second distal vertex, wherein the multiple widths have a stepped transition.

Claim 2. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein at least a portion of said distal vertexes are parallel with said longitudinal axis.

Claim 3. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein at least a portion of said distal vertexes are spirally shaped.

Claim 4. (Cancelled)

Claim 5. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has an essentially uniform density over a cross section of the tampon.

Claim 6. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has varying density over a cross-section of the tampon.

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Claim 7. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said tampon further comprises a core which is highly compressed.

Claim 8. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a withdrawal member.

Claim 9. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a finger indent.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) A tampon for feminine hygiene comprising an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a horizontal axis, a longitudinal axis, a radial axis, and an outer surface; said tampon being comprised of compressed fibrous material; wherein said outer surface of said tampon comprises a plurality of first surfaces and a plurality of second surfaces, each of said first surfaces having a distal end and a proximal end, each of said second surfaces having a distal end and a proximal end, said proximal end of said first surface contacting said proximal end of said second surface to form a proximal vertex, said distal end of said first surface contacting said distal end of said second surface to form a distal vertex, wherein along the length of the tampon there are multiple widths between a first distal vertex and a second distal vertex, wherein the multiple widths have a stepped transition.

Claim 11. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein at least a portion of said distal vertexes are parallel with said longitudinal axis.

Claim 12. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein at least a portion of said distal vertexes are parallel with said horizontal axis.

Claim 13. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein at least a portion of said distal vertexes are spirally shaped.

Claim 14. (Cancelled)

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Claim 15. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has an essentially uniform density over a cross section of the tampon.

Claim 16. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has varying density over a cross-section of the tampon.

Claim 17. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein said tampon further comprises a core which is highly compressed.

Claim 18. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a withdrawal member.

Claim 19. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a finger indent.